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1. □ undoubtedly explained to you certain of the problems connected with the provision of signal plans for the NF sets that we are burying in Europe currently. The preparation of these plans is ~~such a complicated business and it is next to impossible~~ variable factors that it is next to impossible ~~to prepare~~ plans when the location of the base station is unknown. We therefore have reached the following position in respect to your request for plans for immediate burial.

2. You have authority to issue to □ plan "Blumen" which is intended to operate into the Limber base. You should also give him the crystals at the same time. When you have recruited and trained another operator for the Vienna area we will issue another plan for his use. We are not authorizing you to issue plan "Obst" to □

□ inasmuch as he is located in the Salzburg area and there will be no need to activate his circuit so long as we hold Limber. Operation into the Limber base is only intended in the event that we are forced to evacuate Berlin and Vienna. In general, we would prefer to have the other sets which have been buried in Vienna be without signal plans for the present, so that we will have sets in reserve for wartime conditions. If we are forced to activate more than two sets in the Vienna area under "peacetime" conditions we will have to send in plans and crystals with the operators that we send overland to work the sets. However we prefer to hold those sets in reserve for wartime use.

3. The major difficulty in attempting to ~~complete plans for~~ a wartime base is the procurement and processing of the necessary technical personnel. It will however be between six to twelve months before planning for activation is sufficiently far advanced that signal plans utilizing this base could be prepared intelligently.

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We feel therefore that we have no alternative but to delay preparation and issuance of specific signal plans for the equipment which you have buried until the base station problem is closer to solution.

4. We would also like to point out that even if the preparations for a wartime base were further advanced, we would hesitate to issue plans for it at this moment. You will note that VIEN 1858 and VIEN 1973 both stated that full description of the burial sites for the sets already buried was being forwarded to Washington. This information has not yet been received. As a matter of general principle we are loathe to provide signal plans for sets on which we have such sketchy information.

5. It is recognized here that the preparation of stay-behind intelligence plans is a tremendously complicated and time consuming operation. We feel however that you should continue to push these preparations with full vigor even though this detracts from your other current activities.

6. We suggest that you firm up the arrangements for typing in the [] intelligence collection organization into the [] W/T organization. We further suggest that you give the [] team a periodic dry run by passing to them through clandestine channels, a message which they should handle as though it were to be transmitted, but that they in fact not transmit this message. Some sort of periodic training of this kind should help to keep their morale up and to keep their operational instructions fresh in mind.

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